

## House Resolution No.

**Whereas**, the members of the Missouri House of Representatives pause to recognize an outstanding Missouri citizen who has distinguished himself as a leader of his community; and

**Whereas**, James R. Spradling, an esteemed resident of Carthage, Missouri, is the proud recipient of the Carthage Chamber of Commerce 2004 Richard M. Webster Citizen of the Year Award; and

**Whereas**, James Spradling is an invaluable member of the Carthage community where he has been active in Rotary International of Carthage, the Boylan Foundation, the Board of Public Works, Carthage Community Clinic, St. Luke's Nursing Center, and Grace Episcopal Church; and

**Whereas**, a former director of the Missouri Department of Revenue, James Spradling is a Paul Harris Rotarian, an attorney and owner of Spradling Law Firm in Carthage, and an Associate Professor of Political Science at Missouri Southern State University in Joplin; and

**Whereas**, James Spradling earned his Bachelor's degree and his law degree from the University of Missouri-Columbia and his Master's degree in Political Science from Pittsburg State University; and

**Whereas**, James Spradling also merits words of commendation for the outstanding leadership he provided as a proud, capable, and dedicated officer of the 203rd Missouri Army National Guard; and

**Whereas**, James Spradling has been abundantly blessed with the love and admiration of a wonderful family whose members include his devoted wife, Sandy; his two children, Beth Simmons and J. Shannon Spradling; and his five grandchildren, Paul Matteo, James Simmons, Thomas Simmons, William Spradling, and Sarah Grace Spradling:

**Now, therefore, be it resolved** that we, the members of the Missouri House of Representatives, Ninety-second General Assembly, unanimously join in extending our most hearty congratulations to James Spradling at this proud moment of well-deserved distinction, and in wishing him only the very best of success in all his future endeavors; and

**Be it further resolved** that the Chief Clerk of the Missouri House of Representatives be instructed to prepare a properly inscribed copy of this resolution for 2004 Richard M. Webster Citizen of the Year honoree, James R. Spradling.

Offered by \_\_\_\_\_  
Representative Steve Hunter  
District No. 127

I, Catherine L. Hanaway, Speaker of the House of Representatives, Ninety-second General Assembly, Second Regular Session, do certify that the above is a true and correct copy of House Resolution No. \_\_\_\_, adopted \_\_\_\_\_, 2004.

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Catherine L. Hanaway, Speaker